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1. DUE IN LARGE PART TO THE TRADITIONAL JUL-AUG VACATION PERIOD AND THE FORTHCOMING GENERAL ELECTIONS (SEP 12), NEITHER THE NORWEGIAN PRESS NOR PUBLIC PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO THE ORIGINAL EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE ON NATO STRATEGY. THE AUG 8 FOLLOW-UP CONFIDENTIAL

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STORY, SIMILARLY HAS RECEIVED LITTLE PUBLIC NOTICE TO DATE. THE NEED FOR PUBLIC RESTATEMENTS AND REASSURANCES HAS, ACCORDINGLY, NOT ARISEN IN THIS QUARTER.

2. THOUGH PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE PRM-10 REVIEW HAS BEEN LIMITED, WE EXPECT THAT KEY NORWEGIAN DECISION MAKERS ARE FOLLOWING THE DEBATE CLOSELY. WE HAVE THEREFORE THOUGHT

IT BEST HERE TO USE THE OCCASION OF PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH SUCH PEOPLE TO DRAW ON THE GUIDANCE SET FORTH IN STATE 183051. IN ADDITION WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE TIMELY USE OF AMBASSADOR BENNETT'S VISIT TO OSLO AUGUST 8TH TO RESTATE IN SEVERAL FORA OUR ON-GOING COMMITTMENT TO THE ALLIANCE. DURING HIS MEETINGS, AMBASSADOR BENNETT PARTICULARLY STRESSED THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE LONDON SUMMIT INITIATIVES AND MENTIONED CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF WAYS IN WHICH THE USG HAS RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED ITS COMMITTMENT -- HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ALLOCATED AN EXTRA \$500,000,000 TO THE ALLIANCE AND THAT WE WERE COMMITTING AN ADDITIONAL TWO BRIGADES TO NORTH GERMANY.

3. WE ARE INCLINDE TO BELIEVE THAT UNLESS THE ISSUE PICKS UP CONSIDERABLE STEAM PUBLICLY HERE, OUR BEST COURSE VIS-A-VIS THE NORWEGIANS IS TO DRAW ON THE EXISTING GUIDANCE AND PARTICULARLY TO EMPHASIZE THE CONCRETE STEPS WHICH ARE PART OF OUR ON-GOING COMMITTMENT.
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